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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3748**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshihiro IWASHITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/695,822

Examiner: C. CHANG

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Docket No.: 117640

For: A DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE WITH A  
VARIABLE VALVE TIMING SYSTEM

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 5, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10 and 12 are pending in this application.

**I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,347,619 to Whiting et al. (Whiting) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,515,818 to Born, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,279,550 to Bryant. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

None of the applied references, whether considered alone or in combination, disclose or suggest each and every feature recited in the rejected claims. For example, the